



Returning for his 6th season at IMC, Dr. James Adams is the Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Brass at Valley City State University. Adams earned a doctorate in Trombone Performance/Pedagogy and Instrumental Conducting from the University of Northern Colorado, a Masters degree in Trombone Performance/Pedagogy from the University of Maryland College Park and a Bachelor's degree in Brass

Performance/Pedagogy from Brigham Young University.

Professionally, he has performed in Europe and the United States with a variety of ensembles, including the Washington Korean Symphony Orchestra, the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra, the Fargo-Moorhead Opera Orchestra, the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, the Longmont Orchestra and Chorale, the Greeley Chorale, the 2002 Winter Olympics Spirit Band in Salt Lake City, and on international cruise ships. He has taught brass students at public and private schools in Utah, Maryland, and Colorado, and currently is a brass instructor for VCSU's Community School of the Arts. He is also the conductor of the Valley City Civic Orchestra. Adams is active as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and soloist, and is a member of the International Trombone Association, College Band Directors National Association, and the National Association for Music Education. He currently lives in Valley City with his wife and four children, where he also works as a piano technician and does gold-plating for instrument mouthpieces.