

Sara Baumann is a graduate of North Dakota State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education. She completed a master's degree in Conducting from the American Band College at Southern Oregon University. Mrs. Baumann is currently in her 20<sup>th</sup> year as director of bands at Mandan Middle School in Mandan, ND. Under her direction, Mandan Middle School Bands have consistently earned superior ratings in all areas of performance including concert band, jazz band, and solo and ensemble festivals. Her students often represent the largest number of students from any one school in the Junior High All State Band. The Mandan Middle School Band has been selected twice to be a featured performing group at the North Dakota Music Educators In-Service Conference.

Mrs. Baumann has served as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and clinician throughout the region. She is the Past-President of the North Dakota Music Educators Association, and a board member of NDNBA. She serves as co-manager of the ND JH All-State Band Festival and was recently appointed as an Associate Member of the International Music Camp Corporation. She was a recipient of the NDNBA Allegro Band Award in 2008. In December 2017, Mrs. Baumann was awarded the School Band and Orchestra Magazine's "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" from North Dakota. She was a recipient of the NDNBA Citation of Excellence Award in 2018. She is a member of NAFME, NBA, and Phi Beta Mu Honor Fraternity. She enjoys performing with the Bismarck-Mandan Wind Ensemble and the Missouri River Community Band. Her husband, Jon, is the Director of Bands at Mandan High School in Mandan, ND. They have two children, Nora and Jacob.