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Dr. Snead has held teaching and conducting positions across the secondary and collegiate levels, including applied trumpet at Savannah State University, Director of Bands at Robert W. Groves High School, Associate Director of Bands at Richmond Hill High School, and Director of Bands at Wartburg College following completion of her doctorate. Her ensembles have earned consistent superior ratings, numerous festival awards, and participated in national and international concert tours. She has also performed with the Savannah Wind Symphony, serving on its board of directors and as a frequent guest conductor.

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