

# Dr. Cassandra Sulbarán

## Professional Summary

Collaborative, detail-oriented educator with 17 years of diverse teaching & performing experience. Growth mindset & data-driven instructor dedicated to developing thoughtful, articulate musicians. Fluent in Spanish with experience teaching abroad.

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### Get in touch

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### Education

**DMA Viola Performance, University of Maryland**

2011

Dissertation: Music for Viola from Latin America and Spain: Canción y Baile  
Dissertation Advisor: Katherine Murdock  
Qualifying Exams Passed- August 2009

**MM Viola Performance, University of Maryland**

2007

Thesis: Smith Western Manuscript Add. 21: Research and  
Transcription of a Magnificat Setting

**BM Viola Performance- *Magna cum laude*, Ithaca College**

2005

Minor: Spanish

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### Current Teaching Experience

**Braintree Public Schools**

**Instrumental Music Teacher | December 2014 - Present**

Massachusetts State License in K-12 Music Education- #485655

- Design/Instruct courses for high school orchestra, band, piano, 4th-5th grade strings & band
- Coach an after-school string quartet ensemble
- Founded the high school Tri-M chapter

- Rewrote & streamlined string instrumental curriculum grades 4-12 to include a modified Suzuki approach
- Increased the string program numbers by 30% over 6 years
- High school orchestra retention 97% freshman-senior year
- Increased playing level from grade 2 to grade 5 literature
- Introduced technology like Sightreading Factory & SmartMusic
- Developed project-based learning curriculum for high school orchestra
- Critically analyze student data to refine my instructional process
- Promote community outreach through Tri-M & quartet performances

**Curry College**

**Private Music Instructor, Strings | January 2019 - Present**

Teach private lessons utilizing traditional, Suzuki, and Pop materials/methods

- Expanded the string studio by 50%
- Promoted music on campus through outreach concerts
- Developed and implemented private music instructor curriculum

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## Additional Teaching Experience

Beaver Country Day School / String Specialist, Orchestra Conductor	2015-2016
South Shore Conservatory / Viola & Chamber Music Faculty	2014-2020
Ithaca College /Assistant Professor, Viola & Chamber Music	2013-2014
Ithaca College Summer Music Academy / Viola Faculty	2011- present
The Art Institute of Washington / Adjunct Professor, World Music	2010-2011
Orquesta Juvenil de Acarigua, Venezuela (El Sistema) / Visiting Viola Instructor, Private Lessons & Sectional Instruction	2008-present
DeMatha Catholic High School / Private Lessons Instructor	2007-2013
University of Maryland / Private Lessons Instructor Violin/Viola	2005-2013
Private Instructor Violin, Viola, Piano	2001-present

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## Performance Experience

Loft String Quartet / Violist	2018- present
Brockton Symphony / Rotating Principal Viola	2017- present
MIT Orchestra / Section Viola	2017- present
Cuarteto Rustico / Violist	2011- 2014
American Festival Pops Orchestra / Acting Principal Viola	2010- 2013
Binghamton Philharmonic, NY / Substitute Viola	2010- 2015
Annapolis Symphony, Annapolis, MD / Substitute Viola	2007- 2013
Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Ithaca, NY / Substitute Viola	2004 - 2014

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## Related Experience

Proficient in Piano, Violin, Violoncello, and Bass Technique & Literature  
Beginner Technique on Flute, Trumpet, Saxophone, Clarinet, Trombone  
Experience Conducting Full & String Orchestras / Beginner - Collegiate  
Level  
One Year of Viola da Gamba Lessons  
Fluent in Spanish