

**2020-2021 Formal Bio**

Dan Parasky is a flutist whose passion lies within education.

The Parasky Flute Studios opened its doors in September 1999 and has produced multiple award-winning students. The following auditions have featured Parasky Flute Studio winners/finalists: The International Flute Symposium at West Virginia University, The Consummate Flutists at Carnegie Mellon University, The National Flute Association Competitions including the High School Soloist, High School Flute Choir, Collegiate Flute Choir, and the Professional Flute Choir Competition; the Bands of America Rose Bowl Honors Marching Band and the Macy's Great American Marching Band. Additionally, several students have had the privilege to perform in concert with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra on international tours. Studio members also perform, place, and win at local and regional auditions/music festivals. Graduates of the Parasky Flute Studios have moved on to study music in college at the undergraduate and graduate level to start their own full-time careers in music.

Dan recently launched a new brand, danparasky.com, that features private music teacher studio development courses. Studio Ensemble Revolution, Profitable Private Studios and the College Audition Guide explore methods that enhance music studio offerings while building a sense of community and increasing profit.

As a clinician, Dan has presented a wide range of topics at the National Flute Convention, the Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair and at local colleges around the Pittsburgh area. Topics range from pedagogical concepts to the business components of running a private music studio and performance themed classes. He was the temporary instructor of applied flute for the first half of the 2019 Spring Term at Slippery Rock University.

As a flutist, Mr. Parasky performs as a soloist, chamber musician, and guest conductor. He is a new music enthusiast with several commissions and multiple world premieres presented. Solo engagements feature recital programs with diverse repertoire from all musical time periods. As a chamber musician, he co-founded the PM Woodwind Project - a flute and clarinet duo that is committed to educational outreach. Parasky has performed with the National Flute Association Professional Flute Choir and with the International Low Flute Festival Professional Flute Choir.

Conducting wise, he is a three-time guest conductor Mid-Atlantic High School Flute Choir (2014, 2019, 2021). He is thrilled to serve in this role again for the 2022 Mid-Atlantic Convention. Mr. Parasky served as the coordinator for the National Flute Association High School Flute Choir Competition from 2014-2019 and he is ecstatic to be conducting that ensemble for a performance at the 2021 virtual convention.

Dan graduated from Boston University with a Master of Music in Music Education and earned an undergraduate degree in Music Performance from Duquesne University. He will be serving as the Flute Choir Coordinator with the National Flute Association from 2021-2025 for their annual conventions. He is on the board of directors for the Newlonsburg Music Academy in the role of their administrator. Dan lives in Pittsburgh, PA with his wife, Jackie. A complete curriculum vitae and student award list is available upon request.

Influential teachers include Damian Bursill-Hall, Wendy Webb Kumer, Dr. William McManus and Professor Andre de Quadros.

### **2020-2021 Sketch Bio**

Dan graduated from Boston University with a Master of Music in Music Education and earned an undergraduate degree in Music Performance from Duquesne University. His private flute students have successfully auditioned for various honor ensembles, soloist competitions and workshops at the local, regional, national, and international level. He was the Temporary Instructor of Applied Flute at Slippery Rock University for the first half of the 2019 Spring Term.

Dan is a flute choir enthusiast and is a three-time guest conductor of the Mid-Atlantic High School Flute Choir. He is thrilled to serve in this role again for the 2022 Mid-Atlantic Convention. Mr. Parasky served as the coordinator for the National Flute Association High School Flute Choir Competition from 2014-2019 and he is ecstatic to be conducting that ensemble this summer for a performance at the virtual convention.

He performs regularly as a founding member of the PM Woodwind Project - a flute and clarinet duo. He has won competitions with the National Flute Association and the International Low Flute Festival. Mr. Parasky will be serving as the Flute Choir Coordinator with the National Flute Association from 2021-2025 for their annual conventions.

### **2020-2021 Three-Hundred Character Bio**

Dan Parasky is a flutist that offers flute lessons and private music teacher studio development courses. Visit [paraskyflutestudios](http://paraskyflutestudios) and [danparasky.com](http://danparasky.com) for more information.

### **The Not So Serious Stuff...**

I am married to my high school sweetheart Jackie. Marching band brought us into each other's lives. We love the outdoors, cooking, and all things about staying organized.

I am an avid runner that came to the sport late in life! I started training about 5 years ago and ran my first full marathon in November 2019 in Las Vegas. It took 4 hours 12 minutes and 12 seconds and I'm hopeful to someday run one in under 4 hours.

Video games are my passion (especially retro 80's games) but nowadays you'll find me sneaking in some Destiny any time I can. If professional gaming was a thing when I was younger, that might have been my dream job instead of running the Parasky Flute Studios. Honestly, anything nerd culture is my thing...especially all things Star Wars and the Marvel Cinematic Universe.