Music Alumnus Hits High Note as a California Teacher of the Year

High school music teacher Ben Case '05, '10 (B.M. instrumental-music performance, M.M. music-performance) joined the ranks of the teaching profession 17 years ago not to teach music, but to teach students. “This philosophy is how I approach each aspect of my teaching,” said Case, a Cal State Fullerton alumnus.

For his impact on students, and for going above and beyond during a challenging time in education, Case was selected as a 2023 California Teacher of the Year. He is one of five educators statewide recognized with the award for their extraordinary teaching careers.
Educator at the Top of the Class: Finalist for National Principal of the Year

Out of the blue a few years ago, educator John Briquelet received a text from one of his former students. The student shared how the Cal State Fullerton alumnus, teacher and principal had changed the course of his life.

For Briquelet '89, '99 (B.A. English, M.S. education-reading), what is most fulfilling is making a difference in the lives of his students. “The greatest reward is the work itself: I get to help kids learn, grow and succeed,” he said.

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Daisy Muñoz, criminal justice major and Titan Softball infielder stated that "the mental part of softball is so important. Even though many of the best players celebrate only three out of 10 victories, failing more than you succeed is something that is very hard to accept. For the majority of my softball career I have struggled with this, but Cal State Fullerton gave me a new lens."

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