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Press Release

Nathan Hart, Music Teacher, Attends Institute, Receives Award

Riverview music teacher, Mr. Nathan Hart, has completed a five-week institute through the National Endowment for the Humanities. As one of 25 teachers chosen from around the country, Hart participated in the institute entitled *Voices Across Time: American History Through Music* on the University of Pittsburgh's campus. The summer institute focused on using American music to engage students in the history of our nation as perceived through contemporary popular songs and highlighted ways that songs reflect and affect our lives. Mr. Hart studied with notable historians and musicians from universities across the country and enjoyed excursions to study the Homestead Strike of 1892, the Fort Pitt Museum, the Stephen Foster Memorial, and music technology from wax cylinders to the iPod with GRAMMY Award winner Garrett Haines at Treelady Studios.

Described by a fellow participant as a "true collaborator," Mr. Hart was selected by institute participants and directors to be the recipient of the Ruth Bergad Award. The award recognizes Hart for consciously looking to incorporate issues of race, social justice, and significant historical moments into his music curriculum. Participants acknowledged Hart's "drive for self-improvement and focus on ensuring student engagement and achievement."