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I suppose teaching was always in my blood. I vividly remember trying to teach my younger sister to read when I was 6. She was only 3, but I wanted to share the excitement of reading! When I was 10, I tried teaching my cousin how to play the piano. I wanted her to experience the joy I found in playing! I landed a job teaching music right out of college. In my mind this was a transitional position, until I figured out what I “really wanted to do.” Little did I know that teaching was what I wanted to do – that I would wholeheartedly embrace it as my

vocation years later.

I found myself in another teaching position after graduate school. I taught classroom music, band and choir for grades K-8. I realized over the next nine years, that teaching is first and foremost about people, and less about the subject. I began to understand that when you’re working with young people, it’s about helping them discover their gifts and face their challenges. Ultimately, it’s about guiding them to realize the best of who they are. I cannot think of anything more worthwhile! As a musician, I love sharing my passion for music and seeing my students grow through their musical activities. At Linfield in particular, I love being a part of students’ musical lives as they explore new interests and perspectives about others and the world. It took me awhile, but I now know that there is nothing else I’d rather do than teach!

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