

## **ECSD NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Pensacola, FL, Music Teacher, Joshua Kaye, is Confirmed as a GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist for 2019**

Pensacola's own, Joshua Kaye, was nominated for the GRAMMY Music Educator Award 2019 by the PTA at Hellen Caro Elementary School and, now, has been certified as a Quarterfinalist!

According to the Recording Academy GRAMMY MUSEUM, Joshua Kaye has been chosen from the 2,800 initial nominees to be a GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist. Kaye takes his place among the 188 music teachers, from 177 cities, who will now move on to compete in the Semifinalist round.

"I am honored that the PTA at Hellen Caro Elementary School has recognized my hard work and dedication to music education, and I appreciate all the support I have from our students and their families, thank you," said Josh Kaye about the announcement.

The Recording Academy GRAMMY Museum's June 8 release (the link is included below) states, "The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools."

According to Ron Kaye, of Ron Kaye's Music Instruction, "Joshua is a multi-instrumentalist, teaching numerous instruments. He has an Associates Degree in Music Education from Pensacola State College and a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from the University of West Florida, majoring in percussion. Josh is a State Certified Music Educator (including ESE Exceptional Student Education) with over 24 yrs. of musical instrument experience."

In addition to being a State Certified Music Educator, Joshua is a regular instructor at Autism Pensacola's Kids Camp. He regularly plays the guitar, bass guitar, drums, percussion, piano, mandolin & banjo professionally. His resume includes being an OPS Adjunct Professor for the University of West Florida teaching guitar, drums, piano & banjo, and he has been a solo performer, and pit musician for musical shows.

Ron Kaye went on to state that, "Josh has played in bands of all types and has been an in-demand teacher for our music instruction business since 2006."

Joshua Kaye is an ECSD music teacher at Hellen Caro Elementary School and according to Angela Barberi, the school district's Fine Arts Specialist, "Joshua has made such an impact, not only in our district, but across the state of Florida. He's very innovative. He's always coming up with ways for his students to have performance based experience and ties in his music program with the academics. He has support throughout the community and brings his passion and love for music to our students."

The GRAMMY Music Educator Awards SEMIFINALISTS will be announced in September.

The Grammy's release can be found here:

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/bwwmusic/article/188-Quarterfinalists-Announced-For-2019-Music-Educator-Award-Presented-By-The-Recording-Academy-And-Grammy-Museum-20180608>

**PHOTO INFO:**

**IMG\_0029:** Hellen Charo Elementary School Chorus performing the National Anthem before a Pensacola Blue Wahoos baseball game under the direction of Joshua Kaye.

**IMG\_2467:** Joshua Kaye of Pensacola, Fla, a music instructor for the Escambia County School District at Hellen Caro Elementary School recently found out he is a **GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist for 2019**. Kaye was nominated for this honor by members of Hellen Caro's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). **Kaye is also a local performer and private music instructor for Ron Kaye's Music Instruction.**

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