

Patrick Erwin



About Patrick

Patrick M. Erwin is the Curriculum Director at Maxwell Leadership Foundation, where he blends his passion for education and leadership development. Previously, he spent 17 years as High School Band Director at Hillgrove High School in Cobb County, GA. Patrick holds degrees in Political Science, Music Education, and Leadership from the University of Georgia, Auburn University, and Berry College.

Recognized with awards such as the Symetra 'Hero in the Classroom' and George N. Parks "Leadership in Music Education," Patrick is a sought-after speaker on leadership, student engagement, and professional development. He has presented at conferences such as the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic and the California Directors of Activities National Conference.. Patrick continues to inspire educators and leaders alike with his commitment to fostering growth, creating positive cultures, and shaping the next generation.

Expertise



Student Leadership



Understanding
Emerging Generations



School Culture and
Engagement



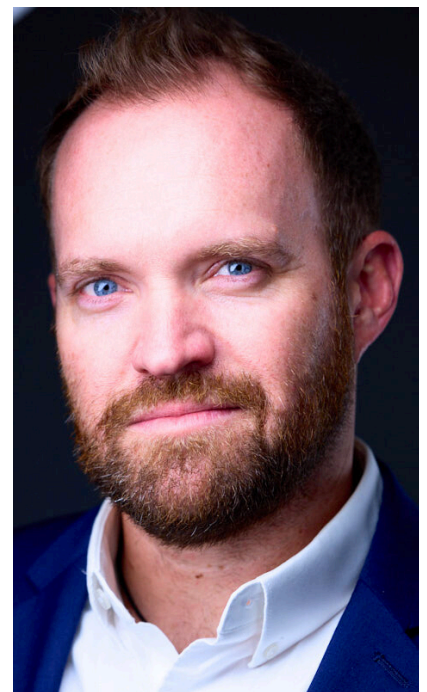
Parenting the Next
Generation



Why Soft Skills
Matter



Innovative Educational
Practices



Achievements



Patrick Erwin was honored as a "Symetra Hero in the Classroom" on October 1, 2014, in a surprise presentation by Symetra, SunTrust, and the Atlanta Falcons, recognizing his contributions as the band director at Hillgrove High School in Powder Springs, Georgia.



Patrick M. Erwin was awarded the 2015 George N. Parks Award for Leadership in Music Education by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). He received the honor during the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis on November 14, 2015.



Patrick Erwin was recognized as one of the 25 Best Teachers in Cobb County by Cobb Life Magazine in 2022. Chosen for his outstanding dedication to education, Erwin was nominated by readers and selected by the magazine's staff for his inspiring contributions, particularly during the challenges of teaching in a global pandemic.



Audience

School and University Administrators | Educators |
College Students | Middle and High School Students
| Executives

Speaking Topics

Student Leadership

Students will learn that leadership is about character, courage, and perspective. They will also gain simple tools to lead themselves, face challenges, and make a positive impact on their school and everyday lives.

Understanding Emerging Generations

Participants will learn the key differences between Generation Z, Alphas, and other generations, along with the challenges they face. They'll gain practical strategies for leading today's students, fostering unity in multigenerational environments, and building resilience, grit, and resourcefulness in both students and staff.

School Culture and Engagement

Participants will learn strategies to build a strong, inclusive school culture where leaders, teachers, and students feel valued and engaged. They'll gain practical tools to address modern challenges like shorter attention spans and post-pandemic frustrations while reigniting educators' passion for teaching and leadership.

Parenting the Next Generation

Participants will learn how the internet and smartphones impact Generation Z's stress and behavior. They'll gain practical strategies to help students manage stress, rethink tech usage, and take ownership of their lives in a digital world. Parents will also explore new ways to foster critical thinking and responsible technology use in the age of AI.

Why Soft Skills Matter

Participants will learn the five essential soft skills students need to succeed in the 21st century. They'll gain practical strategies, compelling stories, and tools from the Habitudes series to empower students and develop next-generation leaders in today's tech-driven world.

Innovative Educational Practices

Participants will explore the unique attitudes and behaviors of 21st-century students and learn why some traditional methods are no longer effective. They'll gain new, research-backed strategies and real-world techniques to better engage and lead today's learners.

Endorsements



“Mr. Erwin applies leadership qualities to whatever he may be teaching. He helps students understand how to use those qualities in all aspects of life, whether that be within music, leading, following, or anything else. He achieves this by using inclusive real-world examples that anyone can relate to in some capacity. By reaching all of the students that he is teaching, he ensures that everyone is aware that they are a leader and are capable of showing those qualities in everything they do.”

-Kaylee M, High School Sophomore

“Usually, I loathe presentations that many do not have anything to do with my area of education. This was a breath of fresh air. It was fun, engaging and was definitely on topic for our area. I really enjoyed having Patrick come to our school system and present.”

-Tim McKinney, Band Director at Piney Grove Middle School

“Patrick led a half-day leadership clinic with my band students this summer and left a significant impression. He has a knack for making students comfortable and has the charisma to encourage them to open up. The lesson that he presented became the focal point of our season. We used its principles to increase our efficiency during rehearsals and to foster relationships amongst our members. This has been the best year of my teaching career thus far, and my student leadership has made the difference. Patrick’s clinic provided what my students needed to become the game changers they are today.”

-Dr. Chris Carr , Teacher at Carrollton High School

“Mr. Erwin is energetic, attentive to his students, and most of all hilarious when it comes to his lessons. The games we played in his leadership classes were not only fun but did help me improve my leadership and communication skills. I don’t think a lot of people are able to captivate audiences like him, and I know for a fact that no one else can make connections with students like he can.”

-Ethan K., High School Sophomore